

# Peninsula Institute for Community Health

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## Project Description

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The Peninsula Institute for Community Health is a private, nonprofit community health center that provides primary health care services for medically indigent persons who are homeless in Newport News and Hampton.

### Services

The Health Care for the Homeless Program provides direct medical care and case management. Primary acute care and prevention are the focus of the medical team, comprising a physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, and case managers. The program provides services to people who are homeless through the use of Hampton University Nursing Center mobile health van and a treatment center. In addition, an evening clinic is held at a local shelter. Ongoing health care and specialty medical services are provided through referral to participating health centers and doctors. Services include physicals, dental, prescriptions, pregnancy tests, and assistance with applications for food stamps, GR and SSI. Referrals are made for mental health and substance abuse services. Case managers advocate for clients, set up initial appointments, track health records, provide transportation, and monitor transfers.

### Linkages

The HCH project maintains a cooperative and collaborative relationship with all of the major public and private agencies serving people who are homeless. In addition, cooperative relationships exist with substance abuse and mental health treatment facilities, Redevelopment and Housing Authority, HomeBase of Virginia Peninsula, Virginia Peninsula Council on Domestic Violence, Residency Program, employment security, Social Security, and others. Affiliation exists with Virginia Coalition for the Homeless through which educational efforts, directed toward both general and homeless populations, are conducted. The public is informed of issues regarding people who are homeless through letters, health fairs, and speaking engagements. Clients are educated in areas of concern to them, including AIDS, personal hygiene, legal issues, prenatal care, and nutrition.

### Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 3,000 Project users: 1,671

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## Project Description

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The Daily Planet HCH project provides a full range of services to individuals who are homeless in Richmond.

### Services

Services are provided by a physician, registered nurse, dentist, psychiatrist, mental health therapist, substance abuse counselor, social work managers, and outreach workers. Primary care includes physical exams, GYN, screening for hypertension, diabetes, TB, HIV, STDs, and urgent care. Treatment and follow-up is provided for chronic conditions such as hypertension and diabetes. The dental health clinic provides preventive and restorative dental care. Health education covers such topics as preventive health care, nutrition, chronic disease management, dental care, and mental health care. Mental health services include therapy, medication management, and case management. Substance abuse services include group and individual counseling, as well as access to inpatient treatment.

### Linkages

The Daily Planet maintains linkages with area medical and social service agencies in the Greater Richmond area. The program participates in a coalition of health care safety net providers called Richmond Enhancing Access to Community Health Care (REACH). The program is also active in Homeward, Richmond's collaboration of homeless service providers. The Daily Planet HCH program provides services to the Greater Richmond Medical and Mental Health Respite Program. The program works closely with the Medical College of Virginia Hospital to refer for specialty care. The program also works with area schools and universities to provide internships and externships.

### Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 1,800 Project users: 1,702

## Subcontractor(s):

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